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Applicant : Claire M. McCallum, et al.
Filed : October 22, 2003
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Examiner : Maria Teresa D. Samson

Docket No. : 02,276-A
Customer No. : 20306

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- a. Response to Office Action Mailed December 29, 2004;
- b. Return Receipt Postcard.

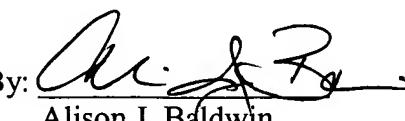
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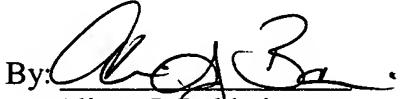
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Dear Sir:

In Response to the restriction requirement issued by the examiner in the office action mailed December 29, 2004, Applicant elects Group II (Claims 12-17 and 20-24). Elected claims 13-17 and 20-24 all depend from elected Claim 12, which is directed to an endogenous fruit polygalacturonase gene having substantial homology to SEQ. I.D. NO. 1 and having a non-transgenic mutation within the endogenous fruit polygalacturonase gene.

If there are any questions or comments regarding this Response or application, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney as indicated below.

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